

ALL CAUSED BY A BICYCLE

The Scandal Which Is Agitating Army Circles.

MRS. O'BRIEN RODE A WHEEL.

Lieut. Bamford had one and they took rides together—this started the gossip—Captain Romeyn's daughter said to have been engaged to the lieutenant.

Atlanta, April 25.—The young, pretty wife of Lieut. O'Brien, of the Fifth United States Infantry, has been made by gossip a scandalous figure in an army circle.

The court is directly concerned with the specific charges made by Lieut. O'Brien against Capt. Romeyn, who reflected, it is said, upon Mrs. O'Brien's good name, with the result that she was ostracized by the wives of the officers at Fort McIntosh.

Mrs. O'Brien was the wife of society at the fort until she learned to ride a bicycle a few months ago. Her husband took little interest in the sport, but Lieut. Bamford, who sat with them at mess, frequently acted as her instructor. Her trips became frequent and oftentimes they were gone from dawn until dark. The dull routine of barracks life, relieved only by the monotonous drills and dress parades, ended at last of time for gossip.

It started with the rumor, which spread quickly that O'Brien should take to the wheel himself or restrict his wife to riding within the grounds of the fort.

This small talk did not reach the ear of O'Brien, who manifested as keen an interest in her trips as she did herself. He invariably sat with her, and when Bamford and he were discussing the matter between puffs in the mess hall and on post.

In February the O'Briens, ignorant of all, issued invitations for a permanent dinner party at the residence of the wife of officers. This was enough to excite surprise. A gossip like this is a big family, where no scandal disturbs its serenity, and regrets are unheard of except when illness intervenes. The O'Briens soon discovered the reason.

Capt. Romeyn, who was the spark in this magazine of scandalous talk, it has developed before the court that he had repudiated to Stephen Bennett, of Atlanta, some of the suspicions that had been bandied about how Maj. Taylor had refused to permit his daughter to attend the German, and how the soldiers were all talking about Mrs. O'Brien's like rides with Lieut. Bamford.

Mr. Bennett, who had been Mrs. O'Brien's partner at several of the figures at the German, dropped hints of Capt. Romeyn's friendship to some of the friends at the German, and how the soldiers were all talking about Mrs. O'Brien's like rides with Lieut. Bamford.

One afternoon late in February, after the regiment had been put through the evolutions of dress parade, Lieut. O'Brien stepped up to Capt. Romeyn on the field and demanded an explanation, saying plainly that he had not acted the part of a gentleman. Capt. Romeyn's reply was a blow across the lieutenant's face. The story was then discussed publicly and the court-martial was ordered.

Since the hearing began many sensational details have been developed. Several ladies of the garrison have appeared as witnesses, and Mrs. O'Brien herself will be called early next week. Lieut. O'Brien has testified that the bicycle rides were all taken with his knowledge and several at his suggestion, and that Lieut. Bamford was a gentleman in whom he had the fullest confidence.

Major Taylor, whose daughter did not go to the dance, has explained that his daughter made a formal call after the German and that the relations of the family would be broken. He said, though, that because of the gossip he preferred not to have his daughter become "too thick" with Mrs. O'Brien. He desired, however, to make no reflections upon Mrs. O'Brien.

Lieut. Bamford has told of the innocent character of the bicycle outings, and in his testimony gave garish society another shock by saying that he had never been engaged to Miss Romeyn. Miss Romeyn has since declared that he was, and there's more talk and more to come when this case is heard.

Stephen Bennett, to whom Capt. Romeyn confided the gossip, has told of the captain's conversation, and how surprised he was at the story.

Lieut. Martin has repeated how the bicycle rides were taken, and how he has avoided speaking to Mrs. O'Brien because of them. Lieut. Xek has said that the way in which Mrs. O'Brien and Lieut. Bamford danced together was a "brassy proceeding," and Mrs. Xek has supplied this incident to the story that Mrs. O'Brien's conduct was shameful.

Capt. Bowen came on the stand yesterday and furnished another sensational chapter of the story. He said he had noticed nothing that could be classed as criminal in the relations of Mrs. O'Brien to Lieut. Bamford, but added: "I heard Mrs. Kellogg, the wife of the late commandant of the post, say to my wife that she had ceased to go by bicycle riding with Mrs. O'Brien as she had become tired of being made a convenience for the latter to meet Lieut. Bamford in the woods."

Capt. Romeyn called his daughter Nina to the stand, but she was too much affected by the surroundings to testify. She will tell of Lieut. Bamford's engagement to her. All the women at the garrison will be called as witnesses in the hearing before it is closed.

ADMIRAL MEADE ILL.

Underwent an Operation and May Not Recover.

Rear Admiral Richard W. Meade, U. S. N., retired, is critically ill at the private hospital of Dr. Johnson, in this city. He underwent an operation for appendicitis about ten days ago, and although symptoms of blood poisoning set in almost immediately, his condition had improved until yesterday afternoon, when he had a severe chill. He was very weak last night and his physicians consider his case extremely critical.

Admiral Meade, who is about sixty years old, enjoyed unusually vigorous health until two months ago, when he was attacked with grip, which left him in a weakened condition.

SUNDAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURE.

This City Yesterday Was the Hottest in the United States.

Washington yesterday had the not altogether enviable distinction of being the hottest place in the country.

For several days past the thermometer, to the horror of the coal-dealers and the corresponding delight of the ice men, and the soda water dispenser, has been creeping steadily upward and yesterday, shortly after noon, it reached its highest, registering a temperature of 85 degrees, eclipsing every other city in the United States by several degrees.

Notwithstanding the great seeming heat, however, there was really very little to complain of, as the hot spell is not only later than in previous seasons, but also of less intensity. Last year, for instance, the thermometer had reached 90 degrees before the 15th of April. Instances of even higher temperatures that month may be had upon request at the Weather Bureau.

The first relief of yesterday's undue warmth was felt shortly after sunset last night, when clouds began to gather and a slight breeze sprang up.

About 10 o'clock the breeze freshened considerably, a light rainfall succeeding. The rain cleared away the clouds, but according to the weather bureau it marked the end of the hot wave, which, still moving eastward, has now left the coast.

For tomorrow the forecast is light showers in the morning, followed by clearing weather about noon, and a fall of several degrees in the temperature.

WILL CELEBRATE THE DAY

Patriarchs' Militant Honor the 78th Anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

Parade in Which the Chevaliers of Baltimore Will Participate.

Interesting Proceedings.

The seventy-eighth anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into America will be appropriately celebrated by the Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia today by a parade of the Patriarchs Militant, in which the Chevaliers of Baltimore will participate, followed by suitable exercises in the Seventh street hall in the evening, which will be of an exceedingly interesting character. The widows of the order are to be especially invited, and every orphan under fifteen years of age will be remembered by some bounty.

The order of Odd Fellows, which had long existed in the "old country," was brought to America by Thomas Widley, who came over from London in 1817. Widley was born in London on January 15, 1782, and at the age of twenty-one years he sailed for America, where he joined the order, which is styled the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He settled in the city of Baltimore, Md., where he followed the occupation of carriage blacksmith.

He soon sought out a few straggling Odd Fellows, who had preceded him, and by means of a notice inserted in the Baltimore American of April 2, 1819, called a meeting on April 19, 1819, at the "Seven Stars" Inn, on Second street, where, with five others, an organization was effected, and a charter asked and granted by the Manchester Unity, the first lodge being known as Washington Lodge, No. 1.

The growth of the order has been phenomenal. The present membership of the American branch is 300,000, the Rebekah branch, 100,000, and the Grand Colfax, numbering 300,000 members. The order paid \$4,000,000 in relief to its members and their families during the past year.

It is expected that the attendance at the services this evening will be very large, and that the exercises will be of an interesting character. The Patriarchs Militant of the District will assemble at Seventh street hall at 12 o'clock and proceed to the Baltimore and Ohio depot, where they will receive the Baltimore Cantons at 1:40 p. m. The parade will form on New Jersey avenue and march to Pennsylvania avenue, to Seventeenth street, to Odd Fellows hall, where a banquet will be served. The evening exercises will commence at 8 o'clock.

HER GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Sister Beatrice's Half Century of Loving Service.

The golden jubilee of Sister Beatrice, of Providence Hospital, while a very quiet affair, as such events always are, was celebrated with the relations of the family and friends of the hospital, and a large number of her friends gathered for herself many years ago by her heroism in yellow fever epidemics in the South. She has been the practical force in most of the improvements and progress at the great institution, which she governs with wonderful tact and ability. The golden jubilee of her entrance into the affairs is by reason of her great executive ability.

The event observed on Saturday last was the completion of a half century in a sisterhood whose beautiful offices are a part of the history of a great many hospitals, asylums, plague-stricken cities and battlefields. It was a "celebration," however, only in name. One of the sisters of another institution said yesterday that there were no forms or ceremonies. In fact, she said, no one, even at Providence Hospital, would have observed anything to mark the occasion, had it not been for the golden jubilee of Sister Beatrice.

Object to Rations Being Distributed Among Their Employees.

New Orleans, April 25.—The Louisiana planters in the flooded districts are still very much put out over the proposed relief and distribution of rations among their employees by the United States relief office, and believe it will do harm. Relief may be necessary in time, but they think the Government ought not to feed their employees until asked to do so by the parish through the police jury or commissioners. They bitterly oppose the plan to distribute rations to the employees, as they claim that the planters are ever taken off the plantations, the planters say, very few of them will ever come back again, and the country will be despoiled of its labor. As it is, labor agents are at work among the negroes of the overflowed section, endeavoring to induce them to remove to the plantations above, that have escaped the overflow.

Arrest of suspicious persons are reported daily from the river parishes and notice has been given that all tramps and vagrants and persons who cannot give a full account of themselves, will be arrested at once. The situation is expected to reach a climax in the next few days. The river is falling, or at a standstill, at New Orleans, and all other places south of the Red River, but it is expected that the river will be merely temporary relief, and the levees will be ordered. The levees raised everywhere at least two feet.

FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Bellefonte, Pa., April 25.—A spark from a locomotive has started another fire in the Allegheny Mountains, several miles north of Unionville, this county. The flames have so far been confined to the Scotch growth of timber, but unless a heavy rain gets in many tracts of valuable timber will be destroyed.

READY TO GO TO NEW YORK

All Arranged for the President's Departure This Forenoon.

All of the Distinguished Attendees at the Grant Memorial Exercises Leave at the Same Hour.

All of the details for the President's trip to New York have been completed, and, accompanied by Mrs. McKinley and the members of his Cabinet, he will leave the city on a special train over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 10:30 this morning.

At the same hour another train, bearing the Vice President and Mrs. Hobart, Speaker and Mrs. Reed, the members of the Congressional committee, together with the newspaper correspondents, will leave the Baltimore and Ohio station. Both trains will arrive in the metropolis at the same time, making the run in a little over five hours.

No stops will be made by the President's train and that occupied by Vice President. Only remain at Baltimore a few minutes. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley will occupy the private car of President Frank Thompson of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while the private car of the chief official of the Baltimore and Ohio will carry the Vice President.

Every possible care will be taken for the safety of the party. The committee of arrangements wisely decided that in case of an accident it would be better to have the heads of the nation on different trains.

Immediately on the arrival of the trains in Jersey City the entire party will be transferred to special ferry boats to the foot of the New York harbor, where the party will be divided immediately to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, which will be his official headquarters during his stay in New York. His actual domicile, however, as well as that of Mrs. McKinley, will be at the Windsor. The exact time of the President's departure was wisely decided that in case of an accident it would be better to have the heads of the nation on different trains.

The entire diplomatic corps, accompanied by their suites, will go on the President's train. A. H. Steele and E. V. Skinner, representing the New York committee of arrangements, whose duty it was to perfect the details of the trip, will accompany the distinguished visitors, who will be guests of New York during their stay in this city.

KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR

Trooper Salosky Falls Under the Wheels and Needs Instant Death.

Slipped From an Embankment to the Track—It Was Impossible to Slacken the Car's Speed.

Joseph Salosky, a private of Troop G, stationed at Fort Myer, was run over by an electric car of the Falls Church road last evening, and instantly killed.

From what can be learned of the accident, it seems that Salosky was walking near the edge of the embankment, and the car track, when he slipped and fell to the track below, and just in front of a rapidly approaching car. The car struck him before its speed could be slackened, and the unfortunate man's body was hurled under the wheels.

The man was dead before the conductor of the car reached him, his body being so badly mutilated as to be almost unrecognizable.

His uniform showed him to be a soldier, so the officials at Fort Myer were at once notified of the accident. An ambulance was sent to the scene of the accident in order to convey the remains to the fort.

At the time this report was received the body had not reached the fort and few particulars of the accident could be learned. Owing to the late hour at which the accident occurred, it was impossible to learn the name of the conductor and motorman of the car, but it is believed that they will not be held in any way responsible for the accident.

It is known that Salosky was alone just previous to the time when he was killed, and it is presumed that he had been to this city, and was on his way back to the fort.

Salosky was a German by birth, but had lived in this country several years. He was twenty-six years of age, and had served in the cavalry for three years. He was engaged at Cincinnati, Ohio, and it is said that his record as a soldier was an excellent one.

DEAD ON THE RAILROAD.

Adolph Davidson, a Race Track Employee, Killed by the Cars.

The mangled body of a young colored man was found on the main track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Bracken, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, by Bracken J. Gossell, of the Pennsylvania.

The man had evidently been struck by a fast flying train some time after midnight. The remains were gathered up and brought to the Jersey yards at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

The body was identified as that of Adolph Davidson, a race track employee, who had been working at East Arlington, near Baltimore. Nobody has claimed the body, and it is probable that they will be interested in Potter's field.

The dead man has a brother, W. L. Davidson, who lives at Forest City, N. C. These people will be communicated with by the police authorities.

TO VISIT THE CZAR.

Emperor Francis Joseph Starts for St. Petersburg.

Vienna, April 25.—Emperor Francis Joseph, accompanied by Archduke Otto, his nephew, and Count Goluchowski, the foreign minister, started for St. Petersburg this afternoon, on a visit to the Czar.

Ruffes Law Causes a Suicide.

New York, April 25.—Carson Ardivo, one of the partners in the firm of Henry Martin & Company, of 108 West Twenty-ninth street, committed suicide today, because he could see no way to conduct his business under the amended Ruffes law. Ardivo went to Carnegie Hall, ascended to the eighth floor, and jumped from a window on the east side of the building on Fifty-sixth street. His neck was broken. Ardivo was about thirty years old.

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WE'VE crowded a pile of style and quality in our \$7.50—\$10—and \$12 men's suits this season.

The newest plaids and mixtures are shown in these grades—and the prices are remarkably low for such a class of clothing.

We're manufacturers—that's the reason in a nutshell.

Nobby "bike" suits for \$5 and \$6.

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No Branch Store in Washington.

SERIOUS FRAUD CHARGES

Chas. A. Ruffee, of Minnesota, Committed to the District Jail.

Alleged to Have Planned to Cheat the Government by Changing His Naturalization Papers.

Charles A. Ruffee, a prominent citizen of Minnesota, whose home is at Shaw Wing, Stearns county, was brought to this city yesterday morning in custody of U. S. Marshal O'Connor of that district, and was committed to jail last night, pending a hearing of his case in the criminal court this morning.

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SPANIARDS LOSE MANY MEN

A Fierce Engagement Between Gomez and Ruiz.

A CHARGE WITH MACHETES

The Spaniards Insist That Tomas Estrada Palma Has Been Formally Warned by President McKinley Not to Violate the Neutrality Laws of the United States.

Havana, April 25, via Key West, April 25.—The war is going on fiercely in Santa Clara province. Near Remedios, in the northeastern part of the province, an engagement is reported between Gen. Gomez and the Spanish column of Gen. Ruiz, which lasted several hours.

The Cuban commander used his guerrilla tactics, showing the admirable training of his troops. The Spaniards separated into small bands at a given order from Gomez, harassing the Spaniards from all sides. Then they came together again in large bodies, for cavalry attacks upon the Spaniards as soon as Gen. Ruiz's column began to march. The Spaniards were greatly fatigued by these tactics, and their artillery was rendered useless. They entered Remedios without losing a single man, and their line of march was unbroken.

In the hills of La Siguanea another battle is reported between the Cubans, led by Gen. Quintan, Bandera, and Relau, and the combined forces of Gen. Montaner and Alzate. Bandera fought bravely, ordering his men to fight with the machetes. A hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which the Spaniards were obliged to retire, both sides suffering heavy losses. Gen. Relau, after the engagement, pursued the column of Gen. Alzate to Sancti Spiritus, and harassed it all day, killing more than 100 Spaniards.

In all Santa Clara province the revolution is as strong as ever, and Weyler's report that he pacified the province has no basis in fact. The Spaniards here insist that Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma has received a formal warning from President McKinley not to violate the neutrality laws of the United States, and now the same statement is made on no less authority than Senor Canovas himself. Senor Canovas is reported as saying that he is very much pleased by the evidence of the sincere friendship for Spain of the American administration and for its faithful performance of its duty regarding Cuban matters.

Captain Weyler has asserted that the reports of Canovas among the countrymen concentrated in the towns by his orders, are absolutely false. Notwithstanding the statement, the family is causing the secret distress from Santa Clara to Pinar del Rio.

REPORTING SPANISH SOLDIERS.

The Government Now Owes Its Army Over \$55,000,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 25.—Thomas G. Alvares, a newspaper correspondent, just back from Havana, reports that the regular army of Spain is being depleted at the rate of 500 men per week, and that the government of Spain now owes its army \$55,000,000. Two million dollars will have to be raised by June 1 to pay the interest on the debt.

The amount from the debt is not greater than \$200,000 per month, and the expense of the war is more than \$11,000,000. He believed that the Spanish government, in view of the Gracioso-Turkish war, will be unable to borrow money from the powers. This is the reason for withdrawing the troops.

The most recent reports are that the insurgents are being mobilized in Havana province and that Gomez is in the southwestern part of Santa Clara with Gen. Weyler in the vicinity. Quintan Bandera has planned to attack Remedios, and Gomez will have a chance of getting into Havana province.

During the past week an expedition, believed to be from the steamer Bernado, has been landed.

CROWDS VISIT GRANT'S TOMB.

Over 150,000 Persons Viewed the Grant Monument Yesterday.

New York, April 25.—Nobody could have seen the crowd that gathered about the Grant monument this afternoon without wondering what would be done Tuesday if more people try to find their way in a small space of New York city. Certainly more people will be there. The crowd today was no more than a preliminary indication of the Tuesday throngs, and the only solution of the problem suggested itself. Then the area of white pine grand stands will be available and that will make a clearing for some of the hundreds of thousands who will be on the ground and pavements, lay on the grass or burl on the railings that kept them away from the reserved spaces. But if there had been a sudden command to take seats this afternoon it is doubtful if that stretch of empty bleachers from the foot of the monument to the river would have accommodated all the pedestrians that were in that region. It was estimated that 150,000 people viewed the tomb this afternoon.

From most of the stands today the brokers offered seats at prices that have already dropped since Saturday. Some of the stands that offered seats today at \$3 were taking \$2 today, and a similar drop was noticed nearly all the way along the line. From the energy with which seats were offered there must still be plenty available. Few of the thousands that went to the monument today escaped without paying some kind of tribute.

COMFORT AND KNOWLEDGE.

(Sent free by mail.)

Set aside for twenty-four hours a bottle or common glass filled with urine. A sedentary or sedentary habit causes an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder, and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scaling pain in passing it, or had effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest test for its wonderful cure of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists; price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention The Washington Times and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

IT'S YOUR NERVES

It is the Condition of Your Nerves that Either Makes Your Life a Round of Pleasure or a Useless Burden.

In nervous diseases the physician is dealing with a condition that affects the body that occasions more misery than any other disease, and which is the most difficult to cure. The nervous system is a double burden to the body, and it is the condition of the nervous system that either makes your life a round of pleasure or a useless burden.

Dr. Walker, 1411 Penna Ave., Adm. Willard's Hotel.

There were souvenirs of every kind, and this was the case with